

# FORECAST FOR THE YEAR 1916

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With the coming of the new year it is pleasant to forget all the horrors of 1915, but we who study the stars foresee that 1916 will transcend in startling events, upheavals of nature and waste of human life any twelve months in previous history. The record of the new year, however, will not be altogether a happy one. For 1916 will be a period of greatest extremes. While all the forces of nature appear to unite for the destruction of material things, there will be a clearer vision concerning the unseen world. Counterbalancing greed, cruelty and selfishness, heretofore, kindness, royal family will tend to uplift the races of men.

Doubtless the first question in every mind will be: What do the seers predict concerning the war? The answer is that the end is far off. Although there will be periods when a strong current appears to be carrying the conflicting nations toward peace, it is not likely that the great world combat will end until 1918. One of the times when peace appears probable will be in March, 1916, and the other in the summer of 1918.

**A War of Cycles.** The sub-cycle of Mars, the warrior, began with the equinox of 1909, in the cycle of Jupiter, the builder of fame. When the period of Saturn, the subduer, came, in 1914, the war cloud burst, and it is probable that the conflict will continue until 1918, when dawns the period of Venus, human love and sympathy. Unfortunately, the sub-cycle of Mars continues until 1914, and even though there may be a temporary cessation of hostilities in 1916 or 1918, war is likely to break out again. The war of Mars is likely to be a renewed fight. Unless peace is attained in the spring of 1916, Holland, Norway and Sweden may become involved in the conflict. Germany also has certain indications that March and June may be months of peril for the United States, through internal troubles as well as external dangers. Germany comes under a threatening sway of the planets in January and March. The death of a high official, possibly a member of the cabinet, is foretold. Discontent will breed in all classes, and the policy of the war lords may be severely criticized. Disasters at sea are indicated. May shows peril for either the Kaiser or the Crown Prince. The summer is more encouraging, but an adverse change in December precedes sudden and startling events.

**A Crisis and a Recovery.** England has rather a dubious augury, including sudden reverses for January, danger from air raids the first week in February, and catastrophes on the seas. While the navy may gain in June, losses are likely in the middle of the month. Trouble over loans is predicted for summer. September brings a crisis, followed by an upward sweep for the better in December.

Italy may expect victories and reverses in rapid succession. Riots over food and credit are probable. Conditions should improve in May, but a member of the cabinet may suffer a stroke. From September, 1916, to May, 1917, lost ground should be regained, if the King escapes danger from the late spring to midsummer. Belgium has little hope of better times until 1918 or 1919. Peril and losses threaten King Albert in February. Women and children may suffer in additional horrors. More public buildings may be destroyed. France should find its financial condition improved during the course of the year. The army may suffer setbacks in March and April, followed by heavy losses in July and August. Gains are prognosticated for early April and June. In November and December, treachery may be uncovered, and the end of this new year of 1916 probably will be a crucial time. There is menace for the life of President Poincaré in March and April, and again in July and August.

**Peril for the Russian Bear.** Russia has little hope of encouragement in the message of the planets. January and February should expose a chain of conspiracy extending back to June, 1915. For the Czar, serious losses and possible injury are foretold. April should be a month of adversity and he may expect little good until after August. If he survives, next December will bring great gain to him. Austria has little promise of great change. The aged Emperor may die in early spring or summer.

Holland has a similar augury. Events having their origin in 1915 will reach a climax in July. Personal danger to the royal family and loss of estates or property belonging to the realm are to be expected. There is an ill omen for January and March, when dangers on sea and land are forecast. Foreign loans will be discussed. Brokers and speculators should be especially careful in the autumn, as the last of September and the first of November are under a sinister rule. The coming summer, July 1 to 15, is under an unfavorable sway of the planets. Bankers are forewarned that the public mind will be readily entertained by fear. They should guard against possible runs on banks and consequent failures on stock exchanges. The summer of 1916 may be a time of great excitement. There is also an aspect that may mean repudiation of foreign credit.

Farmers will reap large returns from crops, but unsatisfactory conditions may cause losses. Cold and dark weather, if continued, may cause unusual violence may cause heavy losses of livestock. Breeders of horses and cattle have the promise of large profits, but they should take precautions against the spread of contagious disease.

**Nature in a Savage Mood.** Floods on the northwestern coast of the United States are prognosticated. Seattle may suffer damage. Theaters under ground may be numerous. Mining has an unlucky sign, read as in additional accidents, from explosions and fires. Santa Fe, El Paso, El Paso, El Paso and Leadville have an ill omen. High tides and floods are likely to cause damage on eastern and Atlantic seaboard states.

The eclipses of the year tend to high winds and destructive tempests. The Panama Canal may be severely damaged in the last week of January and the first week of February. The last of July, the first of August and the end of October also are unfortunate times, in which damage that has been done may be increased.

Earthquakes may be more numerous and more widely experienced than in previous years. The middle west and Central America may be disturbed by shocks January 26, 30 and 31; Canada and the central of the Atlantic states, April 17 to 24, which time will also be a danger for the West Indies and the Panama Canal. These seismic phenomena may be especially severe at sunrise and sunset. In South America, and Central India, these upheavals of nature may take the form of landlides and tidal waves, windstorms, tornadoes and cyclones. Special dates read for these catastrophes are as follows: Winnipeg to Galveston, Vera Cruz and Guatemala, January 31 and February 1; Dawson to Tahiti and Manila, February 3; western Pennsylvania, Charleston, the island of Jamaica, the Bahamas, Ecuador and Peru, February 13. In the summer the following dates are probable: Winnipeg to Galveston, Lower California, Arizona and Nevada, Helena and Butte, Montana, July 13 and 14. Floods and disasters from the air—possibly severe heat and thunderstorms are indicated for the north Atlantic coast about July 26, when Jamaica, Porto Rico, Haiti, San Domingo and the Panama Canal are apt to suffer severely. There is tendency to fire, eruption or seismic shock in the Yukon district July 28, but the influence is more likely to affect Australia.

**Benign Toward the Movies.** The winter solstice and the vernal equinox are not altogether encouraging for theatrical affairs, although they indicate a period of change which will be most beneficial for the future. During the next few months motion pictures will continue under a most fortunate direction of the planets. There is a lucky sign for the introduction of color into the drama of the screen, for educational pictures and for advertising through the use of the camera.

## WAR probably will continue until 1918, although March, 1916 may bring strong hopes of peace.

As the sub-cycle of Mars continues until 1944, this will not be the last conflict of the nations of the world.

March and June will be memorable months in the United States because of internal troubles as well as external dangers.

Germany may suffer adverse conditions in January and March. Death of a person of rank, possibly a member of the royal family, is indicated.

England should expect peril from air raids from Feb. 3 to Feb. 7. Personal danger for the king or one of his sons in March.

Italy has a forecast of alternate victories and reverses. Trouble for a member of the Cabinet in May.

Belgium has little hope of escaping from its overshadowing cloud of calamities until 1918 or 1919.

France may suffer reverses in March and April, followed by heavy losses in July and August. President Poincaré should safeguard his life.

Russia will uncover a long train of treachery. Personal injury to the Czar is probable. April will be unlucky with adverse direction until August.

Holland has the forecast of much trouble and possible invasion.

The United States may expect many surprising events that affect both business and political conditions.

Strikes and riots, with great loss of property, are prognosticated.

There will be sharp rises and declines in the money market.

Death will remove two financiers at times of critical crises, one in January and one in July.

Great naval activity is predicted for the autumn.

A stormy national election is prophesied. Bitter personalities, unexpected political complications and a party split of far-reaching effect are foretold. Army, navy and civil service problems will be much discussed.

Woman suffrage comes under adverse influences. A scandal, caused by the treachery of a political leader, is indicated. A libel case in which an author or scientist is implicated is the probability.

Earthquakes in quarters where seismic disturbances are almost unknown and landslides are to be expected.

The theatrical outlook is not altogether encouraging. Success for serious plays is foreshadowed. A tragedy for one of the big producers and a break in partnership for a leading firm are indicated.

President Wilson has the augury that 1916 will be the most active year of his life. New international problems will multiply, political treachery may be revealed. He should prepare for a campaign of intense strain and great resourcefulness.

For the legitimate drama new and surprising evolution in the taste of theatergoers is predicted. Success for serious plays instead of the merely frivolous is predicted. A tragedy is foreshadowed among the big producers. A partnership of the first importance will be broken, either by death of a quarrel. Producers who have large investments are warned of sudden and unexpected events which may afflict four of them, and there is danger of serious bodily injury to one of the younger men who has made a great personal success.

Owners and managers of theaters are forewarned of a fire or catastrophe, possibly between May 1 and May 5. This is likely to be somewhere in the west or south. This period and the end of June are unlucky, as there may be a severe loss or bankruptcy for a theatrical manager. There is a sign also read as indicating a demonstration or a riot in a place of amusement. A prominent man may die or be assassinated. The summer may bring ill luck for actors, especially those who are engaged in the moving picture business. Accidents on the water or in motor cars are probable. A wreck where many may be lost is foretold for June 26 or August 24. A divorce suit which will create many catenae of scandal because it affects many prominent persons is prognosticated.

**Bad Outlook for Woman Suffrage.** Woman suffrage is likely to meet many obstacles in 1916, as conditions affecting the campaign for political equality are adverse. A sensational setback or active treachery on the part of politicians probably will cause a scandal which will produce a libel case against a prominent author or scientist. Changes in leadership and in campaign methods are likely.

Hospitals and charities should greatly benefit. The new year will bring many demands upon all philanthropic organizations. Churches will engage in new humanitarian movements, and there will be a tendency toward the restoration of a living faith and the harmonizing of science and religion.

Reforms will include the reorganization of procedure in the legal world, improvements of courts and the speeding of many forms of litigation. Prisons will occupy much attention, and the release of convicts will be radically improved.

With the awakening to a knowledge and consciousness of the occult world and a new interest in regard to the psychic, there will be extraordinary imaginative work in art, music and literature. The coming of the superman and superwoman will be heralded.

**Industrial Unrest and Casualties.** In connection with the labor troubles, strikes and lockouts, many catastrophes are indicated. Railroad accidents and explosions are probable in the middle west. There may be serious trouble in the southern states (Virginia) which will stir the country. Fires and disturbances are probable in Washington, D. C., or near the nation's capital. New York city comes under an adverse rule from July to November. The figure is threatening for the safety of railroads and steamers. There may be strikes among longshoremen and railway employees. A tragedy on the water is forecast late in May. This rule of the planets may tend to produce sudden changes when conditions seem to promise peace and prosperity. A serious catastrophe long foretold to the principal city in the United States may occur before next November.

The new year may add a long record of deaths among artists, musicians, actors and writers who have attained high place. The close of "villain" careers will mark the beginning of the new year.

Treasurer H. C. Atwood states that the outlook for business is much more favorable than one year ago and he believes that his business will show a material improvement in the spring. J. W. Pattison, formerly with the Williamsville Buff Wheel company, has purchased the Brookfield Buff Wheel company at Elmville and is now operating the mill.

Senator Frederick A. Jacobs, treasurer of the E. H. Jacobs Manufacturing company, reports an excellent volume of business during the past six months but states that the early part of this past year was hardly normal. His plant is running overtime in order to manufacture orders to be shipped during New Year's week when inventory is taken at this plant. This industry is one of the stable companies of the town and in the history of its business, extending more than 40 years, they have never reduced wages or curtailed operations.

This brief review of the industries of our town is presented to the public with the earnest hope and confidence that the good name of Killingly as a prosperous manufacturing town will continue and its reputation be heralded wide and far.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. IRVING BULLARD,  
Chairman Manufacturing Committee,  
Danielson Board of Trade.

Danielson, Conn., December 31st, 1915.

## KILLINGLY MILLS GROW.

**Killingly Manufacturing Company Builds 150-Foot Addition at Williamsville—Assawaga Woolen Company Adds to Plant at Dayville.**

The greatest addition to the property values in the town of Killingly during the past year was the fine big addition to the plant of the Killingly Manufacturing company at Williamsville. This structure is 150 feet in length and is of brick and the modern "daylight" construction type. It is expected that the machinery for the addition will be installed about February 1st.

The Assawaga Woolen company at Dayville, a concern that has been running day and night and producing at fullest and fastest capacity during 1915, has also built an addition to its plant during the year just closed at an expense of many thousands of dollars. Dayville also has another new building completed a few weeks ago and recently occupied in part by the postoffice. The building is owned by Postmaster Patrick Riley.

The Killingly Manufacturing company, owners of the plant and makers of automobile tire duck, contemplates the erection and equipment of a yarn mill at Williamsville during 1916, this new mill to represent an investment of about \$1,000,000.

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Our two buff-wheel plants were affected during the first half of the year by the general depression in the jewelry trade but since August they have received a satisfactory business. The Williamsville Manufacturing company under the management of H. C. and Harold Atwood believe that the new year will show a great improvement in the trade that uses their buff-wheels.

## KILLINGLY'S INDUSTRIAL AWAKENING ARRIVED ON SCHEDULE TIME.

**Every Manufacturing Plant Working to Its Full Capacity—Overtime Work and Additions to Mill Buildings and Machinery Have Been the Rule Through the Year—Orders on Hand Will Make a Record for This Year.**

The year just drawing to a close has been one of notable achievement for industrial Killingly. During the past twelve months nearly every manufacturing plant in this grand old town has increased its production by operating at larger capacity, installation of additional mechanical facilities. In many mills, old and worn out machinery has been replaced by the most modern and efficient, while other companies have constructed additions and new plants. Today, every mill and factory in Killingly is operating at its fullest capacity with an abundance of orders for present and future shipment. The industrial awakening, which I predicted in The Bulletin last New Year, arrived on schedule time with a tremendous load of profitable orders with a wake that will give us all plenty of business for the year to come, and will break all records for industrial and business booms in Eastern Connecticut.

**Cotton Mills the Barometer.** Our automobile tire fabric mills have increased their facilities for producing this very necessary commodity by at least 75%; our woolen mills have operated day and night with larger payrolls than ever before; our buff-wheel factories report an excellent business; our great absorbent cotton mill at East Killingly, which is controlled by the largest co-operative drug company in the world is filling huge orders for the foreign governments and has installed new machinery this year; our two strictly locally-owned concerns, manufacturing mill supplies chronicle an excellent year's business in the aggregate. And so I might write clause after clause, in this paragraph, about our industries all of which spell expansion, progress and prosperity; but most important of all is the splendid come-back of our cotton mills making medium fine counts of cotton goods for the general textile trade. Their activity and success is the best indication of all that this noble old town is experiencing the greatest era of prosperity in its history and that the year to come will be of even greater activity than the twelve months just past because it is an axiom among economists of industrial affairs that when the cotton mills, operating on general market goods, break down the barrier of depression, with all brakes off for full speed ahead, it takes a cycle of at least three years to slow their business down.

**Co-operation of Danielson Trust Company.** Before outlining the activities of each of our larger industries during the past year, I wish to call attention to the most cordial and hearty co-operation that all manufacturers in this town have had from the Danielson Trust company which was organized 18 months ago by local business men and manufacturers. The Danielson Trust company has adopted a very broad and liberal policy with the result that local manufacturing interests have been able to secure a part of their current financing from their home banking institution—a condition that encourages and stimulates expansion and development.

**Rehabilitation of Quinebaug Mill.** From a strictly manufacturing viewpoint the rehabilitation of the Quinebaug mill is probably of greatest importance. For many, many years this large industry of cotton manufacturing has been the backbone of Killingly. Its present year's production has been about \$5,000 per week; its operatives have known no dull times; its scale of wages always satisfactory, and its management stable and dependable. Plans for the modernizing of the Quinebaug mills have been developed by General Manager J. Arthur Atwood and Treasurer A. Lockwood Danielson and during the past year they have been efficiently executed by the agent, J. F. Gardner, Jr., who came to Danielson about 15 months ago from Suncook mills, Suncook, N. H. The overhauling of the Quinebaug mills will most assuredly bring a greater degree of prosperity to its owners with increased payrolls and employees which will greatly benefit the community. Agent Gardner is fast becoming recognized in the industry as one of the most successful mill operators in New England. This town is exceedingly fortunate to have such a competent and general young man in charge of our largest industry. Following is a partial list of the new machinery already installed and in the process of installation at the mills of the Quinebaug company: Two hundred and fifty-two automatic pillow spinning looms; 240 Whitin dobbies; 64 Whitin "45" cards; 4,224 spindles of Whitin spinning frames; 64 deliveries of Woodworth drawing; 4 slubbers; 14 intermediates; 22 fine speeders; 2 finisher pickers; one bale breaker and a waste machine. This mill uses about 8,000 bales of cotton each year; makes over 60,000 pounds of yarn per week; 248,000 yards of cloth per week and manufactures a line of fabrics that stand among the best in the cutting up trade.

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